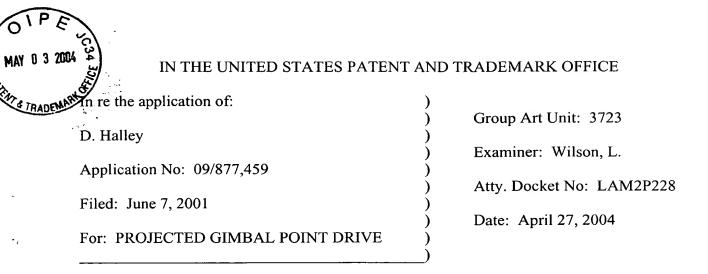
PATENT

\$ 723 #



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 27, 2004.

Signed: _

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, the term to respond extends to August 4, 2003. Please enter this amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

RECEIVED

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700